the manufacturer. When the indentors demand a specific item manufactured by a particular firm, then only purchase of drug on single tender basis is resorted to.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Implementation of Orders regarding revision of Pay Scales of Municipal Corporation Teachers

1819. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1216 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the orders dated the 12th August, 1987, regarding revision of pay scales of teachers have been implemented by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi;

(b) if not, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether non-implementation of the orders after such a lapse of long period is causing avoidable discontent among the teachers; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Corporation to remove the discontent and the date by when these orders are to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Damage to answer papers at Karaikudi Railway Station

1820. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the answer papers of the plus-two examination were badly damaged at Karaikudi railway station when they were taken from Madras recently;

(b) if so, what are the names of persons responsible for the damage caused to the answer papers; and

(c) whether any enquiry has been ordered to that effect by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Sales Tax Levy on Aviation Fuel by the Maharashtra State

1821. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether representatives of different international airlines operating to/through India have protested against he move of Maharashtra State Government to increase sales tax on aviation fuel by 25 per cent; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VOHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under examination.

Undercutting in Air India Fares

1822. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the practice of undercutting of fares in Air-India due to keen competition among international airlines has given rise to heavy corruption, malpractices and irregularities; and

(b) if so, what is the response of Government in the matter and what steps are being taken to abolish this practice

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) While intense competition among international airlines compels carriers to adopt discounting practices, the effort is always to improve the yield by maintaining standard fares. No specific complaint has come to Government in this regard. From 1987, on the platform of BAR (Board of Airlines Representatives), international airlines have decided to implement and abide by Tariff Integrity Programme.

Vayudoot Himalayan Trek

1823. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the much advertised Vayudoot Himalayan Trek scheduled for every Sunday is operating every Sunday;

(b) the amount of money spent on advertising for this Himalayan Trek; and

(c) whether the Himalayan Trek flights have been in operation for the last one month?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Vacant Posts in the All India Institute of Physical Medicines and Rehabilitation, Bombay

1824. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in All India Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Bombay with the date since when these are lying vacant; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to fulfil these posts?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) The information is indicated in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Vacant post in A.I.I.P.M. and Rehabilitation, Bombay.

Name of posts	Date since when lying vacant	Steps taken by Govt. to fill these posts.
1	2	3
Group A Posts:		
1. Director	6-10-1986	Post advertised by the Union Public Service Commission on 11-7-87. Interview yet to be held. However a D.O. reminder sent to UPSC on 5-2-88 for holding interviews.